

CLEAN VERSION OF REWRITTEN, ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED

CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i)

IN THE CLAIMS:


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4. (Amended Three Times) The method of Claim 1, wherein step (c) further comprises treating said conjugated linoleic acid esters with an adsorbing agent, providing an antioxidant and combining said antioxidant with said conjugated linoleic acid esters and said foodstuff in step (d) to produce said food product.

7. (Amended Three Times) A method for producing a food product containing conjugated linoleic acid comprising:

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- a) providing:
 - i) linoleic acid esters,
 - ii) an alcoholate catalyst,
 - iii) a foodstuff;
 - b) treating said linoleic acid esters with said alcoholate catalyst to provide conjugated linoleic acid esters;
 - c) treating said conjugated linoleic acid esters to provide conjugated linoleic acid;
 - d) treating said conjugated linoleic acid under conditions such that the volatile organic compound content of said conjugated linoleic acid is less than 5 ppm; and
 - e) combining said foodstuff with said conjugated linoleic acid from step (d) to produce a food product.


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13. (Amended Three Times) A method for producing a food product containing conjugated linoleic acid triglycerides comprising:

- a) providing:
 - i) linoleic acid esters,
 - ii) an alcoholate catalyst, and
 - iii) a foodstuff; and

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- b) treating said linoleic acid esters with said alcoholate catalyst to provide conjugated linoleic acid esters;
 - c) incorporating said linoleic acid esters into triglycerides to provide triglycerides containing conjugated linoleic acid moieties; and
 - d) treating said triglycerides containing conjugated linoleic acid moieties under conditions such that the volatile organic compound content of said triglycerides containing conjugated linoleic acid moieties is less than 5 ppm;
 - e) combining said foodstuff with said triglycerides containing conjugated linoleic acid moieties from step (d) to produce a food product.
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Please add the following new claim:

31. (New) A method for producing a food product containing conjugated linoleic acid esters comprising:

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- a) providing:
 - i) linoleic acid esters,
 - ii) an alcoholate catalyst,
 - iii) a foodstuff;
 - b) treating said linoleic acid esters with said alcoholate catalyst to provide conjugated linoleic acid esters;
 - c) treating said conjugated linoleic acid esters under conditions such that the volatile organic compound content of said conjugated linoleic acid esters is less than 5 ppm after storage;
 - d) combining said foodstuff with said conjugated linoleic acid esters from step (c) to produce a food product.
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